







Bible congress

Africans stress need for direct translations

By DEVORAH EMMET WIGODER
PORTIONS of the Bible have been translated into almost 450 African languages and no fewer than 172 million copies of the Scriptures have been distributed in African countries since 1970.



Delegates at the Bible Congress 'Black Africa and the Bible'... seen beneath a mosaic designed by the Rev. Prof. E. Mveng of the Cameroon...

These were some of the figures given during a session on the translation of the Bible into African languages at the congress on 'Black Africa and the Bible'...

Over-wordy
The other two speakers both agreed on the need to convey the meaning of the text in simple language, free of ambiguity...

emphasized by Prof. Rabin. It lay, he said, in the pictorial quality of the prose, stemming from the fact that 'Judaism is an agrarian religion, pictorial, and specific to the land and landscape of Israel.'

Ninety per cent of the total funds available for translating the Bible come from Europe and America; the whole of Africa can only provide ten per cent.

U.J.A. campaign now tops \$200m.

NEW YORK — The nationwide United Jewish Appeal Campaign raised \$213,202,000 as of April 26, 1972, as compared with \$170,630,000 at that time last year...

'The increase in this year's contributions,' Mr. Zuckerman said, 'reflects the determined efforts of American Jewry and its leaders to take up the challenge and meet in full its responsibility toward the 70,000 immigrants — many of them from the Soviet Union — expected in Israel during 1972.'

Moon blessing

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WHEN a group of Christian tourists recently made a synagogue tour of the Capital, the questions they shot at their guide came thick and quick. Every furnishing in the chapels generated a query — 'Why is there a curtain on the Holy Ark?'

One of the tourists — a Lutheran gentleman from Sweden — had no questions until the group had left the last synagogue on the itinerary. Then, pointing to a large sign hanging on the building's outer wall, he exclaimed, 'What is that?'

Embarrassed

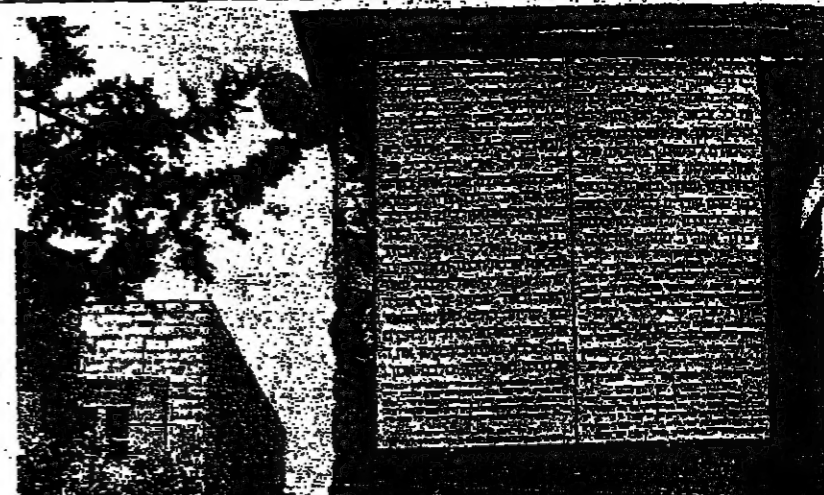
The well-trained guide, who had answered every question so far, was stumped. After a few embarrassed moments he admitted: 'I'm sorry, but I really don't know what it signifies.'

He could hardly be blamed. After all, Jerusalem probably has fewer than a dozen of those signs, which carry one of Judaism's most ancient prayers, the Order of the Sanctification of the Moon.

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Measuring approximately three by four-and-a-half metres, all of the black-on-white Kiddush Levana signs throughout the world appear almost identical, as if executed by the same hand. They are mounted on any exterior wall near the synagogue entrance, and have a sheet metal 'trough' overhead, for protection against the rain.

Throughout history, the wording of the moon blessing has gone through changes. For example, in the time of the Mishnah, it was quite brief — only three words. Later, during the Babylonian exile, Rabbi Yehuda composed a longer version, which is the basis of the one in use today and which consists of 533



Jerusalem's newest moon blessing sign is a gift to the Sanhedria Congregation from Yehuda Weinstern, a retired Jerusalem Post press employee, in memory of his parents.

words. Its elements are Psalms 87, 121, 150 and part of 148; three verses from the Song of Songs; one verse from the Book of Hosea; and the benediction itself from the Babylonian Talmud (Tractate Sanhedrin 42a).

FRUIT OF THE VINE



THIS week's portion opens with the laws of the Sabbatical Year, the injunction not to engage in any agricultural pursuits during the seventh year, the Shemitta. The injunction applies both to the sowing of grain and to the tending of fruit trees, as is specifically stated in the verse, 'six years shalt thou sow thy field and prune thy vineyard...

reference to fruit trees is confined to the vine. There is no shadow of doubt, however, that this second prohibition is also a comprehensive one which applies to every fruit tree, and it reveals the interesting fact that the vine is taken in this verse as the example par excellence of the fruit of the Land of Israel.

of Israel wine was given a special benediction; nor is it included in any general blessing made over fruit. It is in fact possible to derive from the Bible a list of preferences in regard to its agricultural products: first and foremost comes bread, the 'staple of life' — although 'bread' is to be taken as made not only from wheat, but of any other grain, particularly barley, but including the three other grains: spelt, rye and oats.

The Bible, 'corn, wine, and oil,' and those three products, supplying as they do the three essential elements of nutrition, starch, proteins and fats, give a 'balanced diet,' and lastly comes the most extensive list of all, the seven agricultural products which are listed in Deut. 8:8 and which the Talmud calls the 'Seven Produce of the Land of Israel.' They include, of course, all the three above, but since wheat and barley are mentioned separately it provides for four of them. The other three traditional agricultural products of Israel which are mentioned together on innumerable occasions in the Bible, 'corn, wine, and oil,' and those three products, supplying as they do the three essential elements of nutrition, starch, proteins and fats, give a 'balanced diet,' and lastly comes the most extensive list of all, the seven agricultural products which are listed in Deut. 8:8 and which the Talmud calls the 'Seven Produce of the Land of Israel.'

WHAT IS THE LABOUR CONFLICT IN INDUSTRY ABOUT?

MEMORANDUM

of the joint session of representatives of the Coordinating Bureau of the Economic Organizations, on the one hand, and representatives of the Histadrut General Federation of Labour, on the other hand, held on February 2, 1972.

- a. The Parties agreed to sign a General Collective Agreement, stipulating increased compensation for the increase of prices... b. It is agreed by the Parties that a minimum wage of IL455 a month or IL17 a day be introduced during the two years 1972-1973...

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\* The Histadrut submitted this Memorandum for registration as a Genuine Collective Agreement with the Labour Ministry on February 18, 1972 and it was registered as No. 7004/72.

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Sapir tells Rotary Club:

Social gap will close within one generation

By SARAH HONIG Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir declared yesterday that within one generation all socio-economic gaps between Western and Oriental Israelis would disappear.

Fewer Jews leaving Russia MOSCOW (AFP). — The number of Soviet Jews receiving permits to emigrate to Israel fell during April, a reliable source reported yesterday.

Youth footballers back victorious

LOD AIRPORT. — Israel's triumphant Youth Football Selected returned yesterday from Bangkok, where they won the Asian Youth Championship for the sixth time.

Too much underwear for soccer referee

LOD AIRPORT. — Customs authorities at the airport confiscated a "commercial quantity" of bathing suits and nylon underwear from international football referee Menahem Ashkenazi, when he returned yesterday from Bangkok with the Israel Youth Selected.

U.S. War College study group here

TEL AVIV. — A group of civilian government officials and military officers from the U.S. arrived in Israel yesterday for a three-day study visit. The group consists of members of the staff and faculty as well as students from the U.S. National War College.

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Charges filed in Ashdod Amidar bribery scandal

BEERSHEVA. — The District Attorney yesterday filed charge sheets against 14 persons implicated in the Ashdod Amidar bribery scandal.

Boys arrested for stealing army ammo

HAIFA. — Two inmates of a closed institution for boys have been charged with stealing ammunition from an army base. They were ordered held until the end of the legal proceedings against them in the Haifa District Court on Wednesday.

M.K. urges reorganization of nature preserves, parks

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter The Nature Preserves Authority and the National Parks Authority should be merged, the Finance Committee of the Knesset recommended yesterday.

Golda's visit

(Continued from page one) relations of this kind. With good relations things can be improved.

New disability insurance law

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER RA'ANANA. — A disability insurance law which will go into effect in January 1973, will provide coverage for all disabled Israel residents.

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VETS BEGIN TENNIS FINALS

By JACK LEON Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — The fifth annual national veterans' tennis championships enter their final stage this weekend at the Maccabi Tzafon courts.

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Experts urge reflooding Hula swamp

Jerusalem Post Reporter The reflooding of 25 per cent of the former Hula swamp and a temporary freeze on all construction along the shores of the Kinneret are among the recommendations presented yesterday to the Committee of Directors-General on the quality of the environment by a technical advisory committee.

Judges compromise in sentencing Gaza saboteur

Jerusalem Post Reporter GAZA. — A precedent was created yesterday in Gaza military court when the three judges were unable to agree on what sentence to give a Gaza student convicted of terrorist activity. They compromised.

Georgians move from homes

OR YEHUDA. — About a dozen Georgian immigrant families have left their homes in Dimona, Kfar Avim and Nahariya, and have moved in with relatives in Or Yehuda, in the last few weeks.

Gur reviews Druse recruits

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER TIBERIAS. — The O.C. Northern Command, Aluf Motta Gur, yesterday reviewed a passing-out parade of a unit of Druse and Circassian recruits who completed their basic training.

Wall Street

NEW YORK. — The Market was higher in moderate trading. Brokers say a limited number of investors are nibbling in certain issues, encouraged by the Market's resistance today to early selling and to news that the U.S. is sending more ships and aircraft to Vietnam.

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Aviation talks with Rumania

LOD AIRPORT. — El Al's managing director, Mr. Mordechai Ben-Ari, left for Bucharest yesterday morning together with Premier Golda Meir. Mr. Ben-Ari's trip is for the purpose of concluding negotiations with Rumania's aviation authorities on the opening of an El Al route to New York via Bucharest.

Soft drink firm fined for foreign bodies

NETANYA. — The Tempo soft drink company was fined IL4,500 yesterday by Judge Cohen of the Magistrate's Court, for selling bottled drinks containing foreign bodies.

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